

AGENDA

**Port Freeport
Port Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 27, 2020, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Via Video/Teleconference - Administration Building - 1100 Cherry Street - Freeport**



Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the order the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, and due to imminent threat to public health and safety and urgent public necessity, the Port Freeport Port Commission will conduct a Regular Meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. by video/teleconference initiated from the Administration Building, 1100 Cherry Street, Freeport, Texas. In order to meet CDC guidelines for social distancing and slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the public can join the video/teleconference meeting by following the instructions below. When the spread of COVID-19 is no longer an imminent threat to our community, in-person meetings will resume.

The meeting will not be open for the public to physically attend the meeting, but the Port welcomes the public to attend virtually. Public comment will be available at the beginning of the meeting on the agenda item indicated below. Following public comment, the public will not be permitted to communicate with the Port Commission.

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1. CONVENE OPEN SESSION in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.001, et. seq., to review and consider the following:
2. Invocation.
3. Roll Call.
4. Public Comment. (Public comment will be limited to 5 minutes per participant and must be completed virtually via the toll free number)
5. Receive update from the Lone Star Harbor Safety Committee.
6. Approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting held August 13, 2020 and the Special Meeting held August 18, 2020.
7. Receive reports from Executive Staff on activities and matters related to COVID-19 health safety matters, administrative affairs, financial results, facility engineering matters, operations and vessel activity, port safety matters, port security matters, Port tenant updates, USCOE, and other related port affairs.
 - A. Executive Director/CEO
 - B. Chief Financial Officer
 - C. Director of Engineering

- D. Director of Operations
 - E. Director of Business & Economic Development
8. Receive report from Commissioners on matters related to:
 - A. August 21 Finance Advisory Committee
 - B. August 26 OSS Advisory Committee
 - C. Meetings and conferences attended, Port presentations, Rail District and other related Port Commission matters.
 9. Approval of financial reports presented for the period ending June 30, 2020.
 10. Approval of a payment to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Port's cost share of Reach 3 dredging contract of the Freeport Harbor Channel Improvement Project, for an amount not to exceed \$5,920,476.00.
 11. Conduct workshop regarding Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget for Port Freeport.
 12. Discussion and adoption of a Resolution to increase the Over 65 and Disability Tax Exemption.
 13. Discuss and consider adoption of a Resolution to propose a tax rate of \$0.040100, which is a tax increase of 7.78% above the No New Revenue Tax Rate, to be adopted at a future meeting.

(The 2019 tax rate is \$0.040100; the proposed 2020 tax rate is \$0.040100; the 2020 No New Revenue Tax Rate is \$0.037207.)
 14. Approval of proposed adjustments to Port Freeport Tariff No. 005.
 15. EXECUTIVE SESSION in accordance with Subchapter D of the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001, et. seq., to review and consider the following:
 - A. Under authority of Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney):
 1. Consultation with attorney and discussion regarding Section 623.219(b), Title 7, Subtitle E, Texas Transportation Code.
 2. Consultation and discussion with attorney regarding legal matters related to Industrial District Agreement between Port Freeport and Town of Quintana.
 - B. Under authority of Section 551.072 (Deliberation of Real Property Matters) for discussion regarding:
 1. Discussion regarding the potential exchange, lease, or value of real property located in Freeport, Texas, including but not limited to the area known as the East End of Freeport and bordered by or adjacent to the following streets: FM 1495; East 2nd Street; Terminal Street and East 8th Street in Freeport, Texas.
 2. The potential purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property located at Port Freeport, including but not limited to the real property located at and contiguous to Berths 1, 2, 5 and 7.
 3. The potential exchange, lease, or value of real property located at Port Freeport, including but not limited to Parcel 14 and Surfside Lots.
 - C. Under authority of Section 551.074 (Deliberation of Personnel Matters) for discussion regarding:
 1. Deliberation regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties of a public officer or employee, including but not limited to: Executive Director/CEO.
 16. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:
 17. Adjourn.

The Port Commission does not anticipate going into a closed session under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code at this meeting for any other items on the agenda, however, if necessary, the Port Commission may go into a closed session as permitted by law regarding any item on the agenda.

With this posted notice, Port Commissioners have been provided certain background information on the above listed agenda items. Copies of this information can be obtained by the public at the Port Administrative offices at 1100 Cherry Street, Freeport, TX.



Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director/CEO

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